



Curriculum Information - Year 1

Autumn 2- 4th November – 20th December 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to a busy half term! A lot of work will go into producing a wonderful Nativity this half term. Your child will have many songs to learn for this, so please help at home to ensure that your child is confident! P.E. and outdoor learning will remain on Monday. Homework is currently provided by email or can be printed for you. For this half term this will be phonics, maths and reading, plus Nativity lines to learn (if your child has lines in the play).

English	This half term we will focus largely on phonics and getting the children to write a series of complete sentences with Capital letters, full stops and finger spaces between words. We will focus on the texts the three billy goats gruff, stop that's not my story and Gruffalo crumble and other recipes. The children will write their own version of the 3 billy goats gruff and then recipes in preparation for a gruffalo party!
Maths	This half term in maths children will firstly focus on number, problem solving and shape. We will write the numbers to twenty in numerals and recognise the words (e.g. nineteen). We will also continue to look at odd and even numbers. We will look at counting on in addition, subtracting a part from the whole and doubling and halving. We will then look at 2D and 3D shapes.
Science	Our science topic is materials. We will name, describe and sort a variety of materials focussing on their properties. Lessons will then focus on whether materials are absorbent, waterproof or strong. There will be lots of fun practical work testing the materials first hand.
PE	We will have a PE session every Monday and children should come to school dressed in their PE kit every Monday. This half term we will focus on gymnastics and will learn to sequence movements and repeat them to show others.
RE	In R.E. we will learn about Hinduism and then will focus on Advent and Christmas.
Humanities Arts Computing	History - Our history topic is how am I making history? The children will sequence events in their own life. They will discuss how some things change and some things stay the same. we will need two photographs of each child (as a baby, on their first day of school, or any other life events such as getting a new pet) – please email or send these in I will also need a volunteer to come in and talk about their childhood please DT - We will be designing and making puppets. We will learn how to join two pieces of fabric using pins, staples or glue. We will then design a puppet character (from a traditional tale). The children will then make, join and decorate their puppets. Computing - We will sort objects in different ways using the computer and we will then create and use pictograms made on the computer.
Home Learning	Homework: Reading (1 library books and 1 reading book per week) Phonics activity. Learning lines for the Nativity. Maths.

Weather

As the weather may be cold this half term, please ensure your child brings to school a jumper or cardigan and that they have a suitable coat and shoes to wear. They may also need gloves and a hat. Please also ensure your child brings to school a **named water bottle each day**.

Continue to check the school newsletter, website and Facebook page for important dates and information.

Should you have any questions or anything you wish to discuss please email year1@holyfamily.herts.sch.uk or phone the school to make a telephone appointment.

Thank you for your support

Mrs Roycroft

Year 1 Teacher